

Bowling for Kids Sake

BRADFORD TIMES STAFF

Bowl for Kids Sake is a major fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters of York, an organization that provides Big-Little Brother and Sister matches and mentoring for children and youth in York Region and Bradford West Gwillimbury.

But this year, the organizers faced a challenge: the organizers have closed in Georgina and Aurora, leaving the annual event without a host venue in those communities.

Teams of bowlers were invited to sign up for an A & B Courier Bowl for Kids Sake event in a neighbouring community, instead - in Vaughan, Richmond Hill, Newmarket or Bradford, where bowling alleys remain open, welcoming teams for the fundraiser.

The Bradford Community Day took place at Bradford Underground Bowl (formerly Bradford Bowl), on April 3. Eleven teams filled every lane, and the 50 bowlers raised \$7,170 for Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Among those bowling and raising funds were two South Simcoe Police teams - Livin' on a Spare, and the SSPS Police Auxiliaries - a team from the York Regional Police, Miller Transit, Bradford Legion Branch 521, Young Drivers of Canada, "Dolls with Balls", and the Bradford Lions Club, which presented a cheque for \$500 to Big Brothers President and CEO, Sarah Dams.

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury also fielded a team of bowlers that included Mayor Rob Keffer - and Councillor Peter Dyk Jr., who has supported Big Brothers



PAUL NOVOSK/PHOTO

Town of BWG Team at Bowl for Kids Sake, for Big Brothers Big Sisters of York - from left, BWG Councillor Peter Ferragine and wife Amanda, Councillor

Mark Corioles, and Mayor Rob Keffer. Big Sisters of York for 23 years, had his own team, with sons Aydan and Justin.

Every dollar raised goes toward

matching kids with a mentor, and supporting programs that help kids reach their full potential. For more information, see www.bbbsy.ca

Coming up: Golf for Kids Sake Charity Golf Tournament, May 26 at Emerald Hills Golf & Country Club. Registration at noon, Shotgun start at

1 p.m., with 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch, dinner, Silent Auction for \$200 per person. Golfers, sponsors are asked to visit www.bbbsy.ca.

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Bradford Highlands... residential subdivision?

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

At some point, the rolling hills of the Bradford Highlands Golf Course may give way to residential housing - and Bradford Capital Holdings Inc. will be prepared.

Bradford Capital Holdings is currently developing a 504-unit subdivision near the southwest corner of Line 6 and Simcoe Road. Recently, the company acquired an "ownership interest" in the adjacent golf course - and on April 5, presented plans to change the engineering within its subdivision to accommodate the future municipal servicing of the Bradford Highlands property.

"We are not asking you for any change in land use designation. We are not asking you for any change in land use. We are not asking you for any change in the settlement boundaries," Celeste Iacobelli of ARC Group told council - just for approval of a "minor change" that would see the devel-



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oper install pipes at the southwest corner of its own property, pipes that could extend municipal services to the golf course lands "if and when" there is an application to change the designation.

The company made the request because it is putting in the water and sewer lines now - and if the

infrastructure isn't put in place, the opportunity "will be lost forever."

The change will have no impact on the road patterns or the existing subdivision, except that four lots at the southwest corner won't be built on.

"This is at our risk. There's no commitment from the municipality," Iacobelli said. If the redevelopment of the golf course never goes ahead, the company will remove the servicing "and restate four approved lots."

Town CAO Geoff McKnight noted that internal engineering changes don't usually come to council, but the proposal has implications for future servicing. "It sets us up for a future that may not occur."

Iacobelli said that Bradford Capital Holdings would notify all new and prospective purchasers of homes bordering on the golf course that the greens might at some time be replaced by housing

- but was unable to answer Councillor Peter Ferragino, who asked if purchasers of some properties had paid a premium for the golf course view, and if they would get their premiums back.

"We would deal with them as fairly and as openly as we can," Iacobelli said - pointing out that the Bradford Highlands property "currently has no development status and may never have development status."

Council passed a resolution receiving the Bradford Capital presentation, and advising staff that it had no concerns with the proposal. Councillor Gary Lamb, whose son is employed by Bradford Highlands, and Councillor Ferragino, whose family greenhouse backs on the Bradford Capital Holdings subdivision, both declared a conflict of interest and did not vote.

Bradford Highlands will continue to operate as a Golf Course for the foreseeable future.

News Briefs

Khalsa Day flag-raising

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury will mark Khalsa Day, and the founding of the Sikh Order of the Khalsa, with a flag-raising at the Bradford Courthouse, 57 Holland St. East, at noon on Saturday, April 16. The community is invited to attend, for the proclamation, flag-raising, and Indian refreshments.

65th Annual Muck Growers Conference

The 65th Annual Muck Vegetable Growers Conference takes place Tuesday, April 12 and Wednesday, April 13 at the Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Rd. Day 1 focuses on carrot trials and information, Day 2 on onions - but this year, the wide-ranging topics will also include neonic insecticides, vegetables and pollinators, and water quality in the Holland Marsh. For more information and an agenda, see www.ugvgh.ca/muckcrop. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. daily, presentations begin at 9 a.m.

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OLD TIME BEEF STEW

From Better Homes and Garden Cookbook
In a Dutch oven, thoroughly brown 2 lbs. stewing beef, cubed in 2 Tbsp. hot oil. Lumping onions.

Add 2 cups hot water and the following:
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce 1 clove garlic
1 medium onion, sliced 1 or 2 bay leaves
3 Tbsp. salt 1 tsp. sugar
1/2 tsp. paprika 1/2 tsp. pepper
Dash ground garlic or cloves
Cook and simmer for 1 1/2 hours, stirring occasionally to keep from sticking.
Remove bay leaves and garlic.
Add 6 carrots, pared and quartered
4 potatoes, pared and quartered
or 5 cooking onions, peeled and quartered
Cover and cook 30-45 minutes.
Or until vegetables are tender.

For gravy: Combine 1/2 cup water and 2 Tbsp. all-purpose flour. Stir smooth. Stir slowly into hot liquid. Cook and stir until bubbly. Cook and stir 3 minutes.

If you like dumplings, at this point add dumplings and cook.

FLUFFY DUMPLINGS

Mix together 1 cup all-purpose flour 2 Tbsp. baking powder 1/2 tsp. salt Combine 1/2 cup milk and 2 Tbsp. salad oil Add all at once to dry ingredients, stirring just until moistened. Drop from tablespoon onto boiling stew. Cover lightly; let mixture come back to boil. Reduce heat (don't lift lid) and simmer for 12-15 minutes.

Makes 10 dumplings



DAY OUT OVEN STEW

1 1/2 lb. stewing meat, trimmed and cut into chunks
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Community Clean-up Day



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Clean up the community - volunteer for the Spring BWG Community Clean-up event was scheduled to take place this Saturday, April 9 - but because of poor weather conditions, the Town has now postponed the event, to April 16 from 9 a.m. to noon. Participants will meet at the Bradford & District Community Centre at 125 Simcoe Road at 9 a.m., to board school buses and head out to pick up unsightly litter on local streets, parks and open areas - before returning to the Community Centre for a free Pizza Lunch. Gloves, reflective vests and garbage bags will be provided. Contact O'Hare at 905-775-5359 ext. 5201 or email mohare@townofbwg.com.

Police BRIEFS

Drug trafficking

Bradford - Shortly after 1 a.m. on April 3, a South Simcoe Police Sgt., on patrol in Bradford, observed a vehicle with a headlight out. The officer followed the vehicle into a service station, where he spoke to the occupants - and observed a quantity of illegal drugs, cash and drug packaging material in plain view inside the vehicle. The occupants were arrested, and a search turned up a quantity of cash, cocaine, Oxycodone and Marijuana. Two Bradford men, ages 22 and 23, face six charges under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, including possession for the purpose of trafficking.

School bus collision

Innisfil - At about 9:22 a.m. on March 31, police were called to a single vehicle collision on 10 Sideroad between Line 2 and 3. An Innisfil, involving a school bus. There were no children on board at the time. The female bus driver was extricated by Innisfil Fire and Rescue and taken to a local hospital by paramedics, with non life-threatening injuries. She was charged with careless driving and improper use of a seatbelt.

under the Highway Traffic Act. Sideroad 10 was closed for three hours, while a heavy tow removed the bus from the ditch.

Youth injured

Innisfil - On April 1, South Simcoe Police were called to a single vehicle collision on Belle Aire Beach Rd. in Belle Ewart. At about 12:45 p.m., a vehicle travelling eastbound at a high rate of speed lost control, went into the ditch and rolled several times. There were six occupants in the vehicle: one, a 17-year-old Innisfil male, was ejected from the vehicle and sustained serious injuries. He was not wearing a seatbelt at the time. The other occupants, who were wearing seatbelts, had only minor injuries. Investigation is ongoing.

ATV charge

Innisfil - On March 29, a South Simcoe Police Traffic and Marine Officer was patrolling the 7th Line of Innisfil in Alcona when he observed two ATVs, one of which had no muffler, being driven on the road. The vehicles were stopped. The officer discovered that the first driver was under suspension for a recent drinking and driving charge, and his vehicle was neither properly registered nor insured. He was charged with Drive Under Suspension, and two charges under the Off-Road Vehicles Act: his ATV was impounded for seven days. The second driver was operating without a valid licence, and received a ticket for Drive No Licence; his passenger, who was licensed, drove the ATV home.

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Point of View

Grits need not delay fundraising changes

Kathleen Wynne has promised new rules for political fundraising in Ontario after a series of news reports revealed just how the cash is changing hands at Queen's Park. A cool \$1,600 a head for a dinner with the premier; ministers personally responsible for raising hundreds of thousands on behalf of the party. In Ontario, it's beginning to look like "fundraising" means buying access to cabinet.

Raising money is integral to the democratic process; you can't run a party without funds. But you can raise them in ways that are more transparent to the public and less inviting to those who might make big donations in the hope of buying influence.

Trying to quell the issue, Wynne on Monday stepped up the government timeline for changes to this spring, from the fall. She has promised sterner government regulations on political donations, and the other parties — who snuffle at the same trough — agree tougher rules are needed.

Broadly, Ontario allows maximum contributions of \$9,975 a year from individuals, corporations and unions, more during campaigns. New rules would likely ban corporate and union donations. The rules for federal parties say broadly that only individuals can donate, to a limit of \$1,525 a year.

But Ontario's changes won't come soon. It'll follow the federal lead to ban

corporate and union donations, but a transition means most of the reforms won't take effect before the next election in 2018, Wynne said.

It's clear why: Parties used to big donations need time to build a database of individual, smaller contributors. The federal Tories became adept at it, long before their rivals mastered the art of coaxing \$25 and \$100 contributions from ordinary folk.

But it's cynical stuff to wait until after the next election. While the government contemplates new rules, the Ontario Liberal party could fix this problem right now.

How? The party could immediately draft policies for the sorts of donations it will accept, the ceiling it plans to put on those donations, and the amount of transparency it will offer Ontarians. Nothing stops the party from saying, right now, that it will no longer hold gold-plated fundraisers, and won't take corporate or union money.

Political operatives might say one party can't do this unless the others do. Perhaps. But if the Liberals decided to be the first to act in an open, responsible way, they'd dispel even the whiff of suspicion money buys policy or elections. Voters, sick of crass politics, would likely reward them.

We'll take legislation if we must. But there's no need to wait. Just show some leadership.

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Raising awareness of Autism



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Families of children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder often struggle — not only with the financial burden of providing appropriate therapies for their children, but also with public perception, and acceptance. Eight years ago, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed April 2 as World Autism Day. On April 2, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury proclaimed World Autism Awareness Day, and raised the Autism Ontario flag at the Courthouse. The flag-raising was attended by Mayor Bob Keffer and council, as well as families of children with autism, and their supporters. The Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford presented a cheque for \$500 to Autism Ontario — funds raised at the International Women's Day event, held May 5 at the PCCB.

Letter to the Editor

LOAVES & FISHES UPDATE

To the editor: The Loaves and Fishes Growing Project of South Simcoe had another good year in 2015. From 300 acres of crops, we netted \$155,000, which was sent to the Canada Food Grains Bank (CFGB). Yields of wheat, soy and corn were good, and our selling prices were average, in comparison with other years.

Numerous farmers, organizations and businesses — too many to mention individually — helped with the crop production by donating land, inputs, farming equipment, grain handling and marketing. Many churches, businesses and individuals also donated cash, which is also highly appreciated.

This completes 18 years of activity for the Loaves and Fishes Growing Project. We have now sent a total of \$2.3 million to the CFGB. It seems like a large sum, especially since the federal government matches up to \$4 for every dollar we donate, yet the needs remain so great.

Unfortunate situations persist in and around Syria, with 4.7 million refugees now living in neighbouring countries, particularly Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey. Of these, only 10% live in refugee camps, while the rest have integrated, to some extent, into local communities.

Remember that these neighbouring countries have common languages and

traditions, and are primarily Sunni Muslims. Through the CFGB and its partners, it costs \$1000 per year to feed a family of 6. Generally, they are given food vouchers.

You can see that our \$155,000, brought to \$775,000 with matching donations, will care for the food needs of 755 families, or 4,650 individuals — equal to a good-sized Ontario town.

Now think of the cost of bringing 25,000 of these refugees to Canada. Every family of 6 requires \$40,000 for the first year, just for living expenses — which equals over \$160 million, plus the costs of bringing them here, which according to Government estimates comes to well over \$100 million.

Personally, I believe our Canadian money is much better spent helping the refugees in the Middle East; once things are politically settled, they can return to their home towns and rebuild their lives and communities. Their needs will not go away, but people are resilient, and can do amazing things when the going is tough.

The Christian response to these types of tragedies is what motivates many wonderful generous people of South Simcoe, who donate sacrificially to raise the funds that we receive, year after year. I thank you all for your faithful support.

PETER VANDERZAAG
CO-ORDINATOR LOAVES AND
FISHES GROWING PROJECT.

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Choirs, Police Academy at the Danube Centre

The Danube Seniors Leisure Centre, located at 715 Simcoe Rd. in Bradford, welcomed the Junior Choir from St. Charles Catholic School on Tuesday, March 29. Fifteen young singers in Grades 2 to 5, under the direction of teacher Ms. Gallo, joined the Centre's Goldenaires singers on stage for a Spring concert, followed by refreshments.

The Danube Centre maintains close ties with the school, which is located less than a block away - welcoming students for shared events that include a recent Games Day for Grade 7s, and in turn, attending the school for Remembrance and other celebrations.

Coming up:

The next Birthday Lunch will take place on Thursday, April 21, at 11:30 a.m. - a Pot Roast with Mushroom Gravy, roast potatoes, vegetables, Dessert, coffee or tea, only \$8 for members, \$9 for non-members. Tickets at the door.

South Simcoe Police are working with the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre to offer a unique look at policing. The Citizens' Police



Jr. Choir from St. Charles Catholic School, with teacher Ms. Gallo, sang with the Goldenaires Jr. Choir at the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre in Bradford.

Academy, Seniors' version will be held at the centre for six consecutive Wednesdays - May 4 to June 8, from 1 to 3 p.m. (doors open at 12:30 p.m.) Participants in this free program will learn about internet safety, personal safety and road safety, meet the South Simcoe Canine Unit and Police Service Dog Chase, and finally, take a tour of the Police Station. And no, there is no test! Please pre-register by calling the Centre at 905-775-0612. Note: registration

is limited to 30. The sessions will be held upstairs at the Danube Centre; be aware that there is no elevator.

The reconstruction of Simcoe Road is now underway - which can make it challenging to get to the centre. The road is reduced to a single lane in places, with a temporary traffic light controlling the flow of traffic. The Danube Seniors Leisure Centre has a new website. For updates on upcoming events and activities, visit danubecentre.club.

p.m. to midnight.

The legion is open on Sundays. On the third Sunday of the Month, drop by between noon and 5 p.m., for Karaoke!

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For more information on events, programs and membership in the legion or the Ladies Auxiliary, or hall rentals, call Branch 521 at 905-775-0525.

lowed by music and camaraderie. The public is welcome to attend. No cover charge. For information, call the Legion at 905-775-0525.

And mark May 7 on the calendar - the **Down East Girls** will be hosting a **Mother's Day Rock & Roll Dinner and Dance** at the Legion, featuring Hot Turkey Sandwiches, fries and coleslaw, and assorted desserts at 7 p.m., dancing to music by Debbie Dee's Entertainment services at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person, \$40 per couple; call 905-775-0245 or 705-424-9378. Prizes for Hula Hoop and Limbo!

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Music and High Tea at the legion

On Saturday, April 16, the Royal Canadian Legion at 115 Back St. in Bradford welcomes **Brett Baker Live Country**, from 8 p.m. to only \$10 per person, at the Legion for an evening of great music, door prizes and light evening snacks. All welcome!

High Tea! The Ladies Auxiliary invites everyone to don their finest Tea Party garb, and dress up in hats and gloves for Afternoon Tea on Sunday, April 17 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Legion Hall. Games, Prizes and Games - Tea - all welcome.

Friday Night Social Time. Every Friday at 6 p.m. at the Bradford Legion enjoy dinner for a moderate fee, fol-

W.I. Workshop... Repurpose junk!

The Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute hosts an informative Workshop at the Tec-We-Gwill W.I. Hall in Newton Robinson on Tuesday, April 19 at 7 p.m.

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Town Council

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Board/Committee

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Water System Financial Plan

The Town of BWG is pleased to announce that in accordance with Section 3(5) of Ontario Regulation 453/07 Financial Plans, the current financial plan for the Bradford/Bond Head Drinking Water System is now available for review. The plan covers the period of 2016 to 2021, and outlines a long-term strategic plan developed to ensure the financial sustainability of the drinking water system.

The financial plan is posted at www.townofbwg.com/water and printed copies are available upon request free of charge at the Engineering Services office at 305 Barrie Street, Unit 2 during regular business hours (8:30am- 4:30pm, Monday-Friday).



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Cookstown's A Shook Up

A small town somewhere in the 1950s Midwest, a girl's dreams, and a mysterious guitar-playing stranger – All Shook Up is a rollicking American jukebox musical inspired by Elvis Presley, that includes his classic hits, from Jailhouse Rock to Love Me Tender.

South Simcoe Theatre has put together a talented ensemble cast for its latest production – including SST veterans, Stephen Dobby (Curtains), Rob Townsend (Dirty Rotten Scoundrels), Jenny Senn (Hats), George Gibson (Peter Pan-to) and Nathan Heydon (Curtains). The show also welcomes newcomers, including

Bradford's Rebecca Wright, and Christine Farrah from Alliston, to its musical production highlighting the magic and power of rock 'n' roll.

Directed by Debbie Collins, musical director Terry Therien, and produced by Kathy Simpson, opening night is Thursday, April 7. On stage at the Old Town Hall Theatre, 1 Hamilton St. in Cookstown, with performances at 8 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. on Sundays, to April 24. Tickets are \$23 each, available by calling the Box Office, 705-458-4432. For more information, see www.



KRISTY SIMPSON/SOUTH SIMCOE THEATRE

Cast of All Shook Up, a musical by the South Simcoe Theatre.

southsimcoetheatre.com.

Note: Several local restaurants are offering specials for anyone who makes a reservation, and brings in their show ticket or stub for that day's performance – including

The Wagon Wheel in Cookstown (705-458-0000); Iron Horse Bar & Grill in Cookstown (705-458-2500); The Cookstown Pub Co. (705-291-2000); and Lefty's Harbour House Grill (705-456-3863).



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Vibrant and playful... Collage in the Car Tails series, by Leonora Husveti-Frenette, on display at the Public Library in Bradford, Ont. on Tuesday January 1, 1980.

'Something borrowed, something new'

Bradford - The last time Innisfil artist Leonora Husveti-Frenette had her work displayed at the Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library was in 2013. It was her very first effort at Collage, which won Second Prize from the South Simcoe Arts Council, in the SSAC Festival of the Arts.

Now, after widespread recognition of her unique vision and work, Husveti-Frenette has returned to the Library for a one-woman show, titled "Something Borrowed, Something New."

"Paul Gauguin stated, 'Art is either plagiarism or revolution.' Allow me to add, with a bit of humour, the art of collage can be plagiarism and revolution," Husveti-Frenette says.

Her collages include a series of "Car Tails," paying homage in part to the Black All Cruisers car club, which meets in the parking lot of the library during the summer months; Mineral Crystals, exploring the potential healing energy of crystals used in art; and upstairs at the library, examples of abstract expressionism, and surreal

narratives about the human condition.

"I am fascinated with combining parts of pre-existing images/objects to form a composition where the new work is more powerful than the sum of its parts. It feels intensely exciting and revolutionary to deconstruct images and strip them down to components that may be repurposed, like building blocks, to form something entirely new," the artist says. "The art exhibit explores different ideas and styles, displaying various themes at each gallery wall located throughout the library."

For more information about the artist, see www.LHF-Art.com.

A reminder: The Friends of the BWG Public Library host their **Spring Book Sale** this weekend, with Preview night on Friday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. (\$10 per family for first pick of thousands of donated paperbacks, hardcover books, fiction and non-fiction, CDs and DVDs). Admission is free on Saturday, April 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Sun., April 10 from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

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MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Cor and Louise DenBleker at Dutch Treats & British Sweets on March 28.

Changing hands, continuing tradition at Dutch Treats

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

At Christmas, Cor and Louise DenBleker took the "trip of a lifetime" and joined the whole family – including children and grandchildren – on a southern vacation.

It strengthened their decision to retire from their Bradford business, to spend more time with family, and travel while they are still young enough to enjoy it.

The business is Dutch Treats, a specialty shop on Holland St. East that offers a wide selection of Dutch, British and Canadian foods, gift-wares and treats, and serves a loyal clientele from across Southern Ontario.

While the DenBlekers have been looking forward to retirement, they were also determined that the tradition that started over 60 years ago in 1955, when the Hamstams opened a Dutch store in Bradford, will continue. About a year ago, Cor began putting out feelers, looking for an interested buyer who would build on what Dutch Treats has become, and maintain the character of the store.

The DenBlekers found a purchaser for the business among their customers –

Rob and Tina Bots and family, who moved to Bradford from Holland about five years ago.

"They're really nice, enthusiastic," says Louise. "They're going to keep everything the same, but put their own spin on it."

Rob and Tina are only the fifth owners, since the business opened. The Hamstams sold their business to Dick Teekens who operated Dick's Dutch Canadian Store at 15 Holland St. East, for over 15 years – then sold it in the early 1980s to John and Joanne Medendorp, who renamed the shop *d'Oldé Stew*.

The DenBlekers bought the building and business in 2005, and changed the name to Dutch Treats and British Sweets. They kept much of the original character – including some of the original shelving – but added a wide range of Canadian-made products and giftwares, gift baskets, traditional Dutch and Indonesian foods, a deli section and planters, and coolers filled with prepared foods, from poffertjes (tiny Dutch pancakes) to Croqueettes, available for take out.

Louise also opened "Oma's Café" – a charming lunch room at the front of the store, that has become renowned

for its soups, grilled sandwiches and Dutch pancakes (pannenkoeken) – and will be sharing all of her recipes with the Bots.

"We're passing everything on. It's part of the store, and we definitely want it to succeed," Cor says.

The DenBlekers admit it's hard to give up the business that they worked so hard to build. "I personally still love it," says Cor.

"It was a fun business," agrees Louise. "We had so much fun with it – we got to know the people. That's what makes the 'Mom and Pop' shops so great, getting to know the customers."

That warm, old-fashioned, family business atmosphere will continue under the new owners, and Cor and Louise have offered to help out when needed – "If we're not travelling" – at CarrotFest, and at Christmas, to make sure that Sinterklaas pays a visit to Dutch Treats.

The DenBlekers also plan to remain involved in the community, on the Downtown Revitalization Committee and other downtown initiatives – and will be at the Open House at Dutch Treats on April 23, saying goodbye to their customers, and welcoming the new owners.

News Briefs

Photoshop Graphic Design Workshop

EPIC (Enterprise Promotion and Innovation Centre) Bradford is offering another **free** workshop for Bradford West Gwillimbury residents – this time, Graphic Design with Photoshop.

The workshop will provide introductory hands-on training that will assist with the creation of graphics for promotional materials, and is especially geared towards entrepreneurs who want to develop their own marketing materials, people looking for opportunities in graphic design, and marketing and administration staff responsible for creating promotional materials. Instructor Ahmed Zakaria will provide the training, including tools, editing, manipulation, and requirements for press and web, at Bradford Works, 35 Holland St. West (Unit 105) in Bradford, on April 12 and 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day. Free, but please pre-register at 905-778-9058 or email martha@contactsouthsimcoe.ca.

Funded by Ontario Trillium Foundation and the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, Intermediate and Advanced Photoshop Graphic Design workshops are also planned.

Town & Country Living Show

From decorating tips and home décor to home renovations and landscaping, the Bradford Board of Trade's fourth annual Town & Country Living Show will offer both exhibitors and visitors a great day of information, demonstrations, door prizes and entertainment.

This year's show, presented by Partners Counselling & Education Services, will take place on Saturday, April 23 at the Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Road in Bradford. Doors will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the Town & Country Living Show will offer local and regional vendors, entertainment, demonstrations and presentations on stage, and a Bradford Bakes competition. Admission is free, for the general public.

There are still a limited number of booths available – \$200 per booth for Bradford Board of Trade Members, \$300 for non-members, for what is promising to be an exceptional, exciting and entertaining day of Town and Country Living. For more information, see bradfordboardoftrade.com.



PAUL NOVOSAD/PHOTO

Maximilian Neukauffer, craftsman, traveller and martial artist, brought his "Woodsmans Finest" hand-crafted wood, leather and steel products – including his amazing hand-carved spoons.

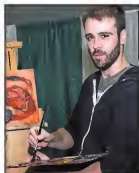
Springing 2 Life, at the old Bradford Community Centre

The inaugural Spring 2 Life Arts and Crafts Show, held at the old Bradford Community Centre on April 2-3, drew over 30 artists, artisans and unique gift vendors to Bradford – and attracted hundreds of visitors.

The brainchild of brothers David and Michael MacDonald, of A.C.E. (Advanced Creative Events) Productions Inc., the

show highlighted the work of local artists, as well as artisans who came from as far away as Toronto and Bobcaygeon, and purveyors of unique and hand-made gifts.

Art-lovers and other shoppers were delighted by the variety and quality of the products for sale, from designer clothing to Dickey Bee honey products, and from hand-made chocolate to fine art.



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Local artist Brad Houghton demonstrates his art.



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Claudio Vettesse with arts and crafts from Thru the Looking Glass.

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Maple syrup festivals



MIRIAM KING/POSTMEDIA NETWORK

Sarah tries her hand at tapping a maple tree, during the Tap Into Spring event at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area on March 20. The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority is holding its Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival on Saturday and Sunday, April 9 and 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation, 8195 Line 8 of Essa Township. The festival includes maple syrup demonstrations with costumed re-enactors – from First Nations to modern methods – plus horse-drawn wagon rides, music, crafts, and a chance to build a make-and-take Bird Box (\$5 for materials), meet the exotic animals of Zoo To You, and enjoy a Pancake Breakfast, served from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$6 for kids ages 2 to 12, no charge for infants, at the gate (cash only, please). Includes breakfast. The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority is planning to hold Tap into Spring Maple Syrup workshops for families, at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area, April 9 and 10 – with sessions from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., and from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. \$9 for adults, \$6 for children, free for tots ages 3 and under (children must be accompanied by an adult). Includes hands-on demonstrations of making maple syrup, and a waffle and syrup treat. Register in advance at SCNCR@LSRCA.on.ca.

Introducing the Kilowatt Club...

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

In Toronto, Earth Hour on March 19 saw only a 3% reduction in energy use, as residents turned off non-essential electronics for an hour. Powerstream customers in communities like Bradford cut back by about 4.3%, down from last year.

But the numbers don't mean that there is a lack of interest. In fact, over the past decade, energy use has declined by almost 25%, with more and more Ontarians making every day "Earth Hour", and curbing energy consumption.

Bradford resident Jim Masin believes more can be done. He'd like to see at least a 50% reduction – which is why he launched the Kilowatt Club.

Masin and his wife are hoping to eventually live "off-grid" – supplying all their own water and power needs. To prepare, they have pursued water and electricity conservation, installed solar panels, captured rainwater in barrels – and have not only cut energy their consumption by two-thirds, from an average 35 kwh per day to 12.7 kwh, but have recovered costs by selling power back to the grid through Ontario's Microfit program.

Now Masin is sharing his exper-

tise with like-minded individuals. The first official meeting of the Kilowatt Club took place at the Operations Centre at Scanlon on March 19. Members met in the Fireside Lounge to discuss their own energy use, and share conservation tips.

Masin encouraged members to switch to LED lighting. A compact fluorescent light uses 15 watts of electricity to produce the equivalent of a 60 watt incandescent bulb – but an LED light needs only 9.5 to 10.5 watts to produce the same amount of light, 33% less than a CFL.

When first introduced, LEDs were costly; now money-saving coupons are available, making the new lights easy on both electricity use and the pocketbook.

Tips included switching to EnerStar certified appliances, checking the wattage of every new purchase, and turning off any "phantom" power draw – those appliances, chargers, TVs, computers, etc. that draw electricity even when not in use.

Masin recommended putting "phantom" users on a power bar, then turning the bar off – and turning down the thermostat, shutting lights, only turning on the dishwasher or washing machine when there's a full load, pulling down the blinds to keep out the sun on a hot

summer day. "Those little things all add up," he said.

The Masins signed up for the Ontario Residential Microfit program, putting solar panels on their roof and feeding the power they generate into the grid – for which they are paid 80.2 cents per kilowatt, over the 20 year term of their contract, as long as 70% of their system was manufactured in Ontario. Last year, they used \$759.95 in energy, but earned \$2717.80.

"The sun is shining every day," Masin said. "On the dingiest day, we're making electricity."

Microfit rates have decreased since 2008. New contracts pay 38.4 cents per kwh, but solar panels have both increased in efficiency and decreased in cost – making the capital outlay, even at the lower rates, well worth the investment.

"If your motive is to save money, if your motive is to save the planet... We can make a difference."

The Kilowatt Club is supported by The Friends of Scanlon Creek. Membership is \$50 per year, with the money going towards sustainable solar energy at Scanlon Creek Conservation. At the inaugural meeting, new members received a complimentary LED bulb, power bar, and money-saving coupons.

For more information, contact kilowattclubcanada@gmail.com.

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From best practices to the Dorito Effect

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

Seed Treatment Regulations, Feed and Forage - and The Dorito Effect?

The range of topics was just one sign of how much agriculture has changed in Ontario, over the past four decades.

37 years ago, the first Farmers' Week was held at the Continental Inn in Barrie - an opportunity for local farmers to hear and speak with leading researchers.

Since 1979, Farmers' Week has morphed into Ag Information Days, and five years ago, into the Central Ontario Agricultural Conference.

The conference has remained an educational event geared towards farmers, but has expanded, both in subject matter, and outreach. "It's not just Simcoe County. We draw people from further out," said John Miller, chair.

This year's Ag Conference, held during the first week in March at Georgian College's Barrie Campus, offered 34 topics and attracted 42 exhibitors, ranging from financial agencies, to crop input and farming equipment companies, who support the conference by buying exhibitor space.

The conference was a forum for

the exchange of ideas. On Thursday, the focus was on livestock, with sessions that included dairy reproduction, feed and forage, but also farm electricity, and Green farm ideas. Friday's topics covered crops, Farm Fresh, Organics and Equine - including an examination of market trends, and "The Dorito Effect."

Mark Schatzker, author and Globe and Mail columnist, wrote The Dorito Effect to explore the disappearance of flavour from modern whole foods - from tomatoes that offer disease-resistance and long shelf-life but no flavour, to strawberries that offer high yields per acre but "just don't taste that great."

He outlined the scientifically-proven link between flavour and nutrition, and the moment when that link was broken: when advertiser Arch West, working for Frito-Lay, used the new science of gas chromatography to isolate the flavour of tacos, and chemically infuse it into the tortilla chips that became Doritos.

It was revolutionary. Flavour was no longer tied to whole foods, but could be added anything from chips to soft drinks, making them irresistible - and incidentally contributing to problems of obesity, as consumers followed

their evolutionary hard-wiring, to prefer foods that "taste good."

Schatzker went over the science linking flavour and nutrition - studies that show foods high in flavour also contain "precursors" linked to higher nutrient content - and identifying the "nutrient dilution" in today's varieties that are bred for shelf-life, disease resistance and maximum yield, but not flavour. "Tomatoes have forgotten how to be flavourful," Schatzker told the audience. "We paid for it through quality... We have more of it, but it doesn't taste like what it is. Flavours went from being in Mother Nature, to the lab."

Today, he said, "we can take those flavours, divorce them from the nutrients... We've created food that tastes good, but what we're really good at is delivering calories. Everything is turning into Doritos." There is a solution, he said: the kind of genetic breeding that was at the root of domestication. University of Florida researcher Harry Klee created "the perfect tomato" by crossing "Garden Gem," a new prolific, disease-resistant and flavourous tomato variety, with a



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Horse-lovers Beth and Madi Vanstone attend a talk by Dr. Sid Gustafson, on Medication Ethics, and the principles of horse welfare.

Heritage tomato, that was intensely flavourful but had a shelf-life of just hours. The result was a variety that had the best attributes of both, showing "you can get flavour back into food!"

So far, though, there has been resistance to the new tomato, based on the bottom line: with slightly smaller fruit, Klee's

tomatoes are slightly more costly to grow and handle.

Schatzker called for a revolution as significant as the introduction of gas chromatography. "We need to fix everybody's palate," he concluded. "Let's make good food delicious again, and "incentivize flavour," making flavour and nutrition as important as price.

News Briefs

Farm Safety Workshop for kids

The Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture's Keep Kids Safe Workshop will be held at Church's Farm Supplies, 3660 Line 7 of Innisfil on Saturday, April 16. The program, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., is open to children ages 5 to 15 and focuses on St. John's Ambulance first aid, fire safety, bicycle safety, ATV safety, tractor and machinery safety and other topics. Lunch is included. Please register by April 13 at the SCFA Office, 705-726-9300 ext. 1224.

Care for your horse and farm workshop
The Notkwasaga Valley

Conservation Authority is hosting a "Care for Your Horse and Farm" Equine workshop on Saturday, April 16 at the Utopia Hall, 8396 Line 6 of Essa Trw. in Utopia. From 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., the free workshop for horse owners will cover topics that include managing manure, improving pasture, protecting sensitive lands and wetlands, and the financial assistance available. A light lunch is included. Please pre-register at www.nv.ca.on.ca. Contact Shannon Stephens, 705-424-1479 ext. 239, for more information.

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Church suppers and events

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Trinity Anglican Church, 62 Church St. in Bradford, hosts a **roast beef dinner** on Friday, April 22 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, turnips, carrots, peas, coleslaw and homemade pies for dessert, only \$18 for adults, \$8 for children ages 10 and under. For tickets call Donna at 905-775-0504 or Ann, 905-775-5904. There will also be a fundraising silent auction.

St. Peter's Anglican Church, located at 6254 Yonge St. in Churchill, Innisfil, hosts a three-course **ham supper** on Friday, April 22, from 5 to 7 p.m. Includes pea soup, ham and scalloped potatoes, dessert and beverages. Adults \$15, children 12 and under eat for free; tickets at the door. Wheelchair

accessible at the side door; others please use the front entrance. All welcome. Call 705-436-9769 for information.

Treasure Sale at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St., from 8 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 23. Members have donated treasures from their basements, attics, closets and cupboards - and you can make those treasures your own, with a donation to the church. Or rent a table for only \$15, and hold your own 'yard sale,' call the church at 905-775-7268 to arrange for a rental.

Euchre Party at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St., from 1:30 to 3:30 on Saturday, April 23. Only \$10 per person, at the door, for a social afternoon of cards, refreshments and prizes.

Day of Joy at St. Peter's Anglican Church in Churchill, takes place April 30, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Join speaker Ann Dempsey as she shares her message of joy for women of all denominations. \$20 cost includes snacks and a hot lunch. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Call Linda at 705-436-9769 or Joann, 705-456-9373 for more information.

Evening of inspiration with young speakers

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

The Bradford Lions Club held their annual Effective Speaking competition in the schools this spring - twice, thanks to some last minute scheduling issues.

In the Junior Division, First Place winners were Jaclyn White and Dominic Tavelia; in second place were Kaleb Christophersen and Diago Santos. Intermediate winner was Grade 9 student, Jamie White.

"We can't control what may happen. We can control how we look at it... Too often we convince ourselves not to try something, simply because we have failed in the past." - Jamie White, 14, from *Half Full or Half Empty?*

All advanced to the regionals, where sisters Jaclyn and Jamie both placed 1st in their respective divisions - going on to district. There, Jamie White placed third, with her inspirational speech, "Half Full or Half Empty?"; while Jaclyn, talking about being height-challenged, placed 1st and will go on to the provincials, May 7 in Ottawa.



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From left, Bradford Lion and Effective Speaking Competition convener Debbie Jeske, speakers Jamie White, 14, Jaclyn White, 11 and Dominic Tavelia, 12, and Lion Roddie Saunders.

"I think being short works for me... Let's not worry about things we can't control." - Jaclyn White, 11, from What it's Like to be Short.

The Lions held a special Appreciation evening on April 4. Guests at the dinner included Public Speaking judges Ann Gordon, Nancy

Lisk, former Police Services Board Chair Sharon Villani, Police Chief Rick Beazley and Constable Rob Enwright, and several of the young winners and their families.

Jamie, Jaclyn and Dominic shared their prize-winning speeches, to heart-

felt applause.

"He believed we were all children of God... the sons of slaves and the sons of slave-owners will sit together at the table of brotherhood." -

Dominic Tavelia, 12, from his speech on the history-changing life of civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr.



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Members wanted for Citizens' Health Advisory Panel

Markham - The Central Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) stretches from Toronto to Bradford West Gwillimbury - a huge area, with divergent health needs and issues.

That's one reason why the Central LHIN is looking for community members to participate on a Citizen's Health Advisory Panel (CHAP), to shape the local health care system by sharing their experience and insights.

A total of 10 residents from within the LHIN are wanted, to provide advice and guidance as the Central LHIN implements its 2016-2018 Strategic Plan and Integrated Health Service Plan - a plan that focuses on 6 key areas: Seniors Care; Palliative Care; Children and Youth; Community Care; Mental Health; and providing services to under-served communities, including Indigenous and Francophone populations.

CHAP members will meet quarterly, with meetings scheduled at the Central LHIN's Markham office, at 60 Renfrew Drive - meeting on weekdays, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Appointments to the Panel will be for a 3-year term.

Anyone interested in applying should complete an Expression of Interest at www.centralhlin.on.ca/

communityengagement/getinvolved or contact 905-948-1872 ext. 230 or central@hlin.on.ca. Applications will be accepted to April 22.

"Our work at Central LHIN is shaped through what we hear from the voices of our patients, families and caregivers. Your

personal insights are the single most important way we can learn about what we are doing well in health care planning and delivery - and where

we need to find improvements as we shape our system into the future," said Kim Baker, Chief Executive Officer with the Central LHIN.

Introducing The Cedar Centre

Newmarket - York Region Abuse Program has changed its name, to Cedar Centre. The change reflects a broadening of the scope of services offered, since the centre was founded in 1987 - from therapy and support for victims of sexual abuse, to therapeutic services for all forms of childhood interpersonal trauma.

The area served has also increased. No longer focused only on York Region, Cedar Centre now provides services to clients in other areas, including North Toronto and South Simcoe. "We wanted to be able to welcome anyone who needed our support," says Allison Peck, executive director - not only children and youth, but adults coping with historical trauma.

Cedar Centre offers a number of innovative initiatives for its clients, including Dave's Room, a therapeutic play space unveiled in Nov. 2015, and named in honour of program benefactor, Dave Sherry. The room features murals, soothing lights, and the latest audio visual technology.

The centre has also welcomed a new "therapist" - a National Service Dog, specially certified to work with those who have experienced trauma.

Cedar Centre is located in Newmarket, and currently provides services to about 200 clients a year, with its full-time staff of 10, and partner agencies. For more information, see www.cedarcentre.ca.



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April Pools Day in BWG

Bradford - The third annual Lifesaving Society April Pools Day event at the BWG Leisure Centre and Bradford Lions Aquatic Centre will take place on Saturday, April 16, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sponsored by the Lions Club of Bradford, April Pools Day raises awareness of water safety, and provides instruction in everything from drowning prevention strategies, to proper lifesacket fitting. The goal is to help families prepare for the summer months, and change the statistics: Last year in Ontario, 92 people lost their lives due to drowning - up from 86, in 2014. The vast majority of drowning victims are men; 75 in 2015.

The theme of April Pools Day is "Swimming is a Life Skill" - not only important as a physical activity, but as a skill for drowning prevention. The day also promotes the use of lifesackets and Personal

Flotation Devices; lifesackets, like seatbelts, save lives, but only if worn. Potentially, half of all boating deaths might have been prevented had the boater been wearing a lifesacket, instead of tucking it under a seat or in a locker.

During April Pools Day, participants of all ages will learn drowning prevention strategies, basic self-help skills and rescue techniques. At 2 p.m., there will be a lifesacket relay race competition between BWG Lifeguards, Bradford Lions, South Simcoe Police, BWG Fire & Emergency Services, and Simcoe County Paramedics. Come out and watch the fun, and donate to the Lifesaving Society's Drowning Prevention Fund.

For more information, contact Teresa Taylor, Aquatic Supervisor, at 905-775-7529 ext. 8401 or taylor@townofbwg.com.

Ontario Curlers set world record

Coldwater - It's official. Ten curlers who took on the world record for Longest Curling Game over a year ago have had their achievement recognized by Guinness World Record book.

Rocks Around the Clock was both a fundraiser and curling event, held at the Coldwater District Curling Club in October of 2014. A team of local athletes, organized by curler Bill Pearce, set out to beat the previous World Record of 73 hours, 6 minutes, 52 seconds of continuous play, set by a group of Scottish curlers.

The Coldwater team submitted over 80 hours of video, statements of authenticity from over 40 witnesses and local officials, as well as media clippings and reports - and just this month, were awarded the Guinness World Record, for curling 79 hours, 15 minutes, and 3 seconds without a break.

"They (Guinness) don't just put



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Ten Ontario curlers, including Bill Pearce, his twin daughters Amanda and Brittany, and Orillia curler Stephen Collins, have set the new world record for Longest Curling Game at the Coldwater Curling Club in Coldwater.

their seal of approval on anything. We had to ensure every "I" was crossed and every "T" was dotted," said Pearce. The official Certificate of the Record is being presented to the Coldwater Curling Club, and will be displayed prominently next to championship banners recording the achievements of curlers like Glenn Howard and Sherry Middaugh.

Four of the 10 curlers who set the new World Record now hold a unique honour: Pearce and Stephen Collins of Orillia, and Pearce's twin daughters Amanda and Brittany,

also took part in a 60 hour marathon curling event held in Iqaluit in 2011 - at the time, the Longest Curling Game. Pearce and Collins are the only Canadian men to have broken two world records for marathon curling, two among nine men worldwide. Amanda and Brittany, who were 18 at the time of the first marathon, are the only two women in the world to have achieved two world records.

Although the curlers have no immediate plans for future marathons, they say they won't rule it out, if their new world record is beaten.

Atom 'A' Bulldogs win York-Simcoe Championship

REBECCA REID

Atom 'A' Rep Hockey

The Bradford Bulldogs Atom 'A' Rep hockey team won the York-Simcoe Minor Hockey League Finals against Innisfil, in four games - winning their final game in Innisfil during the ice storm on March 24, to be named York-

Simcoe Champions for 2016.

Game 1, Bradford - 5, Innisfil - 0, at the BWG Leisure Centre. Scoring by Aiden Kapralik, Spencer Natale, Brayden Pitkin, Lucas Wehby and Justin Dias, on assists from Wehby, Riley Gainer, Gavin Rocha, Dylan Woodcock (2) and Pitkin. Evan

Robbins with the shutout!

Game 2, Bradford - 6, Innisfil - 2, in Innisfil. Goals by Spencer Natale with a pair, singles by Jax Wismer, Aiden Kapralik, Jack Reid and Riley Gainer on assists from Reid, Jacob Sim (2), Wismer, Gavin Rocha and Justin Dias. Game 3, Innisfil - 1, Bradford - 0,

in overtime. Awesome goaltending by Robbins.

Game 4, Bradford - 2, Innisfil - 1, in a thrilling match on March 24. Both goals by Tristan Marques from Spencer Natale and Gavin Rocha. Bradford Atom 'A' squad wins gold medals and the York-Simcoe Championship Cup - and the YS Championship banner, which will be hung in the BWG Leisure Centre above the scoreboard.

The Atom 'A' team had a great season under head coach Cernone Natale, assistant Coaches Robb Wismer and John Reilly, trainers Mike Whiteside and Chris Kapralik. Congratulations to the young athletes, Captain Jax Wismer, goalie Evan Robbins, Spencer Natale, Jacob Sim, Matthew Carvalho, Riley Gainer, Brayden Pitkin, Justin Dias, Lucas Wehby, Gavin Rocha, Aiden Kapralik, Jack Reid, Julian Mumford, Tristan Marques and Dylan Woodcock. Special thanks to AP players Jacob Fruit and goalie



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Bradford Atom 'A' Bulldogs win the 2016 York-Simcoe Minor Hockey League championship.

Daniel Natale, for a job well done.

"I'm very proud of the kids for working so hard as a team this season, to bring home the York-Simcoe Championship for the Bradford Minor Hockey Association," said Coach Natale. "Way to go, Bulldogs!" The team thanks sponsor Bayview Wellington Homes, and all of the fans who came out to cheer them on - and will play in the Lakeshore Challenge in Whitby, on April 9, as the winner of the Lakeshore Hockey League, Quinte West Hawks.

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April 10, 11am - 3pm: The Dog Nanny - visit with Marena the dog behaviourist, great information & lesson!

April 16 - Editable FAWBY by Sweet Handmade - Laura Vree

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Community Listings

FRI., APR. 8

FRIENDS OF THE BWG LIBRARY SPRING BOOK SALE: Thousands of hardbacks, paperbacks, fiction, non-fiction, YA, Children's books, CDs and DVDs. Friday night is Preview Night, 7:30 p.m. - \$10 per family, to have first pick of the donated books. Sale continues Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with free admission. Fundraiser!

SAT., APR. 9

BWG COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP: Volunteers meet at the Bradford Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Rd., 9 a.m. Get on the buses, and help pick up litter around Town - then come back for a free pizza lunch. Garbage bags, gloves provided. Pre-register at 905-775-5359 or mohare@townofbwg.com

PAUL RUMBOLT in CONCERT: Singer/Songwriter/Storyteller presents *The Craft of Songwriting*, at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford, 7 p.m. Tickets \$16 per person; call 905-775-7268.

INTRO TO BUDDHISM: April 9 and 16 at the Newmarket Public Library, 438 Park Ave. in Newmarket, in the Multipurpose Room, 2:30 p.m. Admission is free. Find answers to important questions... Can I be happy? Can I change my destiny? For info, contact agcnewmarket@gmail.com

BRITISH HOME CHILDREN: Lori Osefski is guest speaker at the Simcoe County Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society meeting, 2 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 799 Ferris Lane, Barrie. For info, see www.simcovegbs.com

SPRING TONIC MAPLE SYRUP FEST: At the Tiffin Centre for Conservation, 8195 Line 8 in Essa Twp., on April 9 and 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Adults \$12, kids ages 2 to 12, \$6. Includes demonstrations of Maple Syrup production, horse-drawn wagon rides, music, Zoo to You, Build a Bird Box Make & Take Craft (\$5), and a Pancake and Maple Syrup Breakfast (served until 2 p.m., included in admission).

MON., APR. 11

GILFORD & DISTRICT HORT. SOC. MEETS: The Horticultural Society meets at the Churchill Community Centre in Churchill on Yonge St., in Innisfil, 7:30 p.m. Members will talk about

"Starting Seeds." All welcome. Refreshments.

TUES., APR. 12

YORK-SIMCOE NATURALISTS MEET: Dr. John Dutcher, Canada Research Chair of Soft Matter and Biological Physics, University of Guelph, will talk about "How Bacteria Move." At the River Drive Park Community Centre, 20 Oak Ave. in River Drive Park (off the Queensville SR, north of Holland Landing), 7:30 p.m.

WEDS., APR. 13

MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST: 13th Annual Innisfil Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, upstairs at the Stroud Community Centre, 7:25 a.m. to 8:40 a.m. Community Breakfast and prayers, with Innisfil Mayor Gord Wauchop, hosted by the Christian Churches of Innisfil. \$15 per person; 705-436-1611 or RSVP.

FRI., APR. 15

SPRING FLING AT LAKESIDE RETIREMENT: From 2:30 to 4 p.m. at Lakeside Retirement residence, 985 Innisfil Beach Rd. in Alcona, enjoy spring-themed refreshments, door prizes, entertainment by John Pebble. RSVP to 705-431-8105 or 1-877-353-7432.

SAT., APR. 16

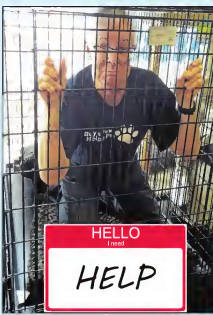
MY GIRLFRIEND'S CLOSET: Sale of gently-used clothing, accessories, purses, jewellery, at the Lakeside Public Library in Alcona, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - a fundraiser for the Innisfil Friends of the Library.

CARE FOR YOUR HORSE & FARM WORKSHOP: At the Utopia Hall, 8396 Line 6, Essa Twp., 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Free workshop for horse owners; light lunch included. Pre-register at www.nvca.on.ca For info, contact Shannon Stephens, 705-424-1479 ext. 239.

SUN., APR. 17

A CELEBRATION OF CHOIRS: Georgina and East Gwillimbury Church Choirs and Soloists perform at Sharon-Hope United Church, 18648 Leslie St., Sharon, 2:40 p.m. A fundraiser for the GEG Refugee Welcome Program. Also, Themed Gift Basket Raffle, tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Pet Appreciation at Pet Valu



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April is Pet Appreciation Month at Pet Valu, and the store at 442 Holland St. West has some special events planned this weekend. On Saturday, store owner Bob Pegg will be in the 'dog house' - behind the bars of a dog cage, set outside on the pavement, waiting for customers to bail him out with their donations to Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides or the Alliston District Humane Society. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., we'll have Dog Guides, and the services they provide. On Sunday, April 10, The Dog Nanny will visit the store, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., to share advice on dog behaviour and training. The celebration and fundraising continue on Saturday, April 16 - Pet Adoption Weekend. Laura Vire of Sweet Handmade will be on hand selling edible PAWS cookies, and the Alliston District Humane Society is bringing a selection of rescued small animals and reptiles, looking for a forever home.

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The 2016 Nature's Emporium Run or Walk for Southlake takes place May 1 at the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex. For the first time, participants won't be charged a "Registration Fee." Instead, Adult Runners and Walkers will be challenged to raise at least \$75 in pledges for Southlake Regional Health Foundation, to participate in the 2.5K or 5K Run/Walk, or 10 K Run. Students (18 and under) are asked to collect at least \$20 in pledges; Kids 8 and under par-

ticipating in the "Mini Mile," \$10. For more information, a Team Captain Tool Kit or to register, visit runforsouthlake.ca. Registration on May 1 begins at 7:30 a.m., Opening Ceremonies at 8:30 a.m., and the 10K Run, at 9 a.m.

The Mandarin MS Walk for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Ontario will be taking place on Sunday, May 1, at the Newmarket Community Centre & Lions Hall, on Doug Duncan Drive in Newmarket. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.; 5K and 10K Walks begin at 9:30 p.m.

The goal this year is to raise \$86,000 for research, support and educational programs. For information, contact Mike Stafford, mike.stafford@msociety.ca, or 1-800-268-7582, or visit mswalks.ca to sign up.

A Hike 4 Hospice Palliative Care takes place in locations around the region on Sunday, May 1. **Hike for Matthews House Hospice** at the Adajala-Toronto Town Offices, 7655 Adajala 30 Sidewalk; registration begins 11 a.m., Walk begins at 12:30 p.m.; www.mathewshousehospice.ca. **Hike for Hospice Sim-**

coe at Sunnyside Park in Barrie, with registration at 10 a.m., Walk at 11 a.m. See www.hospicesimcoe.ca/calendar_events. **Hike for Doane House Hospice** at Fairy Lake Park in Newmarket, with registration at 9:30 a.m., 2.5K and 5K hikes beginning at 11 a.m.; www.doanehousehospice.org/like-it-hospice.

Rotary Club of Innisfil Fun Run and Walkathon takes place Saturday, May 28 at Innisfil Beach Park. Includes 5K or 10K Timed Run, Walkathon, Children's shorter run, awards, vendors and a Charity

BBQ, all to raise money for the new Rotary Trail – a multipurpose walking and cycling trail system at the Town of Innisfil Campus Lands. Adult Registration is \$30 (\$35 after May 15), Children 7 to 12 registration \$10; includes a Fun Run T-shirt. To register go to racetrail.org/events/2016/0005-2016-run-walk. For more information, contact Rick Elmsmeier, rotaryinnisfil@gmail.com or 647-981-0862. Registration on the day of the Run/Walkathon begins at 7 a.m., Opening ceremonies at 8:30 a.m., Run begins 9 a.m.

rain or shine! All welcome.

The Upper Canada Mall Easter Seals Run or Walk, founded by Joe Pescechini, will take place on Sunday, May 29 – starting and finishing at Newmarket's Riverwalk Commons, on Doug Duncan Drive. This year's theme: "Keep it Retro." Sign up for the 5K or 10K Run or 5K Walk, and raise money for Easter Seals and children in the region with physical disabilities. For information see easterseals-ontario.com, to register, download pledge forms, or begin online fundraising.

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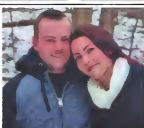
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FOX, Edythe Peacefully passed away, surrounded by her loving family, after a brief illness at Southlake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket on Thursday, March 31, 2016 at 81 years of age. Beloved wife of Douglas S. Fox. Loving mother of late Colleen Mills, Evelyn (Robert) Gregory, Jason (Ellen) Fox and Sylvia (Stephen) Bevan. Edythe will be lovingly remembered by her many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Dear sister-in-law of late Paul (Maxine) McCarthy and Peter (Wanda) McCarthy. Dear sister-in-law of late Fred (late Pearl) Fox, Li (late Les) Soper, Florence (late Walter) Rogers, Dorothy (late Albert) Pearce and Marion (late Earl) Allison. Edythe will also be fondly remembered by Alec (Erin) Mills and her many nieces and nephews. Friends called at SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME, Bradford for visitation. Funeral service was held at the Bradford Baptist Church, Bradford on Sunday, April 3, 2016 at 3 p.m. Interment: Bond Head United Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to LifeWater Canada.



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority operates Scanlon Creek Conservation Area north of Bradford, and is promising more collaboration and engagement with both the municipality and the community, over the next five years.

LSRCA unveils new Strategic Action Plan

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority has developed a new five-year Strategic Plan (2016-2020), "Vision to Action, Action to Results."

Conservation Authority Chief Administrative Officer Mike Walters brought the action plan to Bradford West Gwillimbury Council on March 15, describing four goals and 42 actions that the LSRCA will pursue over the next five years.

Goal #1: Support a safer, healthier and livable watershed through exceptional integrated watershed management.

Under this heading comes everything from flood relief, to "floodplain reduction," and tackling salt pollution in the watershed.

"Salt is the new phosphorus," Walters told council, explaining that there has been a 500% increase in the amount of salt entering the watershed, in urban areas - levels that are toxic, impacting water quality. The source of the problem has been surprising: not municipal public works, but "the private operators and Big Box stores."

The LSRCA supports the SmartAboutSalt certification program and encourages private property owners to hire only certi-

fied operators. "Salt is in solution in the water, so it goes right through (storm water management) facilities," Walters said. "We have not found a system that removes salt from the water column," although there are some slow-release products that are less damaging.

Other actions include a new Carbon reduction program - which ties in with Goal #2: Improve knowledge and increase certainty through excellence in research and scientific knowledge.

"We make our decisions based on science," Walters said, but there are gaps in the data which will be addressed, over the next five years, with help from a new "Citizen Scientist" program, and partners at ten universities and colleges.

The LSRCA is also working on a Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Strategy. "Climate change is here," Walters said, noting that Newmarket experienced four "1 in 100 year" storm events in just two years; Burlington was hit with two months worth of rainfall in a day. The impact on infrastructure has led the Conservation Authority to look at new partnerships, with both municipalities, and with the private sector, particularly the insurance industry.

The plan is all about strengthening partnerships. Goal #3: Create a more connected and engaged watershed community through education and engagement. Actions include expanded public education programs, more collaboration and community projects, more professional training and development, more collaboration with First Nations, harmonizing programs with neighbouring Conservation Authorities.

The final goal: Build a stronger and more valued organization through business excellence.

"We need to make sure you get a return on your investment," Walters said. "We've had a great working relationship with staff. Working with staff is a plus. I think the partnership is working extremely well."

On the following night, Walters made the same presentation to Innisfil council, talking further about streamlining approvals processes, and working with municipalities to deliver effective programs.

"We also know there's only one tax dollar," Walters told Councilors, which is why the Conservation authority is looking for more financial support from its partners in the corporate world, especially the insurance sector.

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